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SUBJECT: VOLUNTARY VISITOR BAYO SANTOS-MARTIN

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1. POST SURPRISED BY SANTOS-MARTINS' PLEA. OUR DISCUSSION WITH HIM WERE IN TERMS OF FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE ONLY. HE AT NO TIME MADE MENTION OF FACT HE EXPECTED TO FUND TRIP FROM COLLEGE APPEARANCES.

2. HOWEVER, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE FEEL WE MUST OFFER PARTIAL (I.E. PER DIEM) GRANT OF NOT MORE THAN THREE WEEKS, GIVEN HIS IMPORTANCE TO US. AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NIGERIAN MUSICIAN FOUNDATION, HE IS OF KEY IMPORTANCE TO CERTAIN ASPECTS OF OUR CULTURAL PROGRAMMING. ALSO POST PROBABLY WOULD HAVE FAVORABLY CONSIDERED SUCH PARTIAL GRANT IF ASSISTANCE HAD BEEN REQUESTED ORIGINALLY. THEREFORE BELIEVE PARTIAL GRANT IS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE ACTION.

3. ALTHOUGH OUR BUDGET ACCOUNTING NOT COMPLETE, BELIEVE FUNDS LEFT IN REGULAR FY-75 ALLOCATION TO SUPPORT THIS GRANT. IF NOT, REQUEST EARLY FALLOUT.

4. ABOVE COMPROMISE SEEMS BEST SOLUTION THIS REGRETTABLE SITUATION.

5. ADVISE.

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